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STEVENSON, Mario *et al.*

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For: MODULATION OF HIV REPLICATION BY  
RNA INTERFERENCE

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed April 27, 2009.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins at page 2 of this communication.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.